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Closed industries

†324. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industries lying closed for the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose any policy for their revival; and

(c) if not, the details of the alternative schemes for providing jobs to the workers of such industries closed in national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INpUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Labour Bureau, Shimla. under Ministry of Labour and Employment collects information on closure of industrial units covered by Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. The State-wise number of industrial units closed during the last three years, as per information available with the Labour Bureau, is given in the Statement.

(c) and (c) Revival of closed industrial units comes under the purview of the administrative Ministry concerned with that particular unit. The Government provides a policy regime that facilitates and fosters growth and development of industry. Government has taken a number of steps for revival of sick industrial units in the country which, *inter-alia,* include guidelines of Reserve Bank of India to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, setting' up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985, etc. Department of Public Enterprises is implementing a scheme of Counselling, Retraining and Redeployment (CRR) for the rationalised workforce [Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) retirees] of Central Public Sector Undertakings through 34 Nodal Agencies and 100 Employees Assistance Centres (EAC) throughout the country. The purpose of the scheme is to reorient the VRS retirees so as to enable them to involve in production/income generating activities.

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Statement

State-wise number of closed units

SI. No.	State/Union Territory	Number of Units closed		
		2001	2002	2003
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	—	4	2
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—
3.	Assam	—	—	-
4.	Bihar	1	—	2
5.	Chhattisgarh	—	—	—
6.	Goa	7	1	2
7.	Gujarat	43	37	39
8.	Haryana	1	4	2
9.	Himachal Pradesh	5	6	—
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	—	—	3
11.	Jharkhand	—	4	6
12.	Karnataka	7	10	6
13.	Kerala	9	8	5
14.	Madhya Pradesh	—	1	—
15.	Maharashtra	—	3	—
16.	Manipur	—	—	1
17.	Meghalaya	—	—	—
18.	Mizoram	—	—	—
19.	Nagaland	—	—	—
20.	Orissa	2	4	3
21.	Punjab	1	1	—
22.	Rajasthan	1	5	3
23.	Sikkim	—	—	—
24.	Tamil Nadu	7	—	—

1 2	3	4	5
25. Tripura	7	25	22
26. Uttar Pradesh	39	93	15
27. Uttaranchal	5	—	—
28. West Bengal	—	1	3
29. A&N Islands	—	—	—
30. Chandigarh	10	1	—
31. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	—	—	—
32. Delhi	—	1	3
33. Daman and Diu	—	—	—
34. Lakshadweep	—	—	—
35. Pondicherry	6	4	6
GRAND TOTAL	151	213	123

= NIL

Source: Labour Bureau, Shimla.

Customs duties on agricultural products

325. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different countries signatory to the Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) have different levels of customs duties for various agricultural produce they import; and

(b) if so, the average rates of customs duties for each of the signatory countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Different countries signatory to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) have bound their import duties at different levels across various agricultural products. Applied duties on imports are calibrated by them within bound levels.